

**Clark County Charter Review Commission
Resolution No. 2021-10**

A RESOLUTION to submit to the voters of Clark County a proposal to amend the Clark County Home Rule Charter by adding a Preamble Section to the Charter.

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of Clark County elected fifteen commissioners to serve on the Charter Review Commission to review the Clark County Home Rule Charter and propose amendments to the same if necessary and appropriate;

WHEREAS the Clark County Charter Review Commissioners have faithfully undertaken their responsibilities entrusted to them by the voters of Clark County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has, in open public meetings convened between January 1, 2021, and December 8, 2021, proposed and deliberated on potential charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, Clark County Charter Review Commission, in a duly noticed public meeting held on December 8, 2021 voted to submit to the voters of Clark County in the November 2022 General Election a proposed amendment to the Clark County Home Rule Charter which would add an Acknowledgement and Preamble to the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Clark County Charter Review Commission has reviewed the Charter and determined that the proposed amendments are necessary and appropriate for its adequacy and suitability to the needs of Clark County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CLARK COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION:

Section 1. New. A new Section ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PREAMBLE shall be added prior to Article I in the Home Rule Charter as follows:

PREAMBLE

Acknowledgement

Clark County recognizes and acknowledges that we reside on the ancestral lands of the Indigenous peoples of the lower Columbia River, who were stewards of these lands long before others arrived and settled in the area. We acknowledge and honor their rich heritage, culture, and contributions, past and present. We value a vibrant, inclusive and diverse community that fosters peace, mutual tolerance, and respect for each other's dignity, privacy, freedoms, and responsibilities.

Preamble

1 We the people of Clark County, to assure that county governance reflects our values and
2 enhances the quality of life in our diverse community, in 2014 adopted our Home Rule Charter.
3 The Charter secures the benefits and responsibilities of self-governance under the Constitution of
4 the State of Washington. The Charter establishes separate legislative and executive branches,
5 claims the rights of initiative and referendum, provides for transparency and effective public
6 participation, supports rural and urban communities, sustains our economy, provides for public
7 health and safety, and ensures responsible and accountable county governance, finances, and
8 services.

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10 **Section 1. Instructions to Staff.** The County Manager shall direct appropriate county staff to do
11 the following:

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- 13 A. File a copy of this Resolution with the Clark County Auditor for submittal to the
14 voters at the next general election as a proposal to amend the Clark County Home
15 Rule Charter.
- 16 B. Transmit a copy to the Clark County Prosecutor and request preparation of an
17 appropriate ballot title for the proposed amendment.
- 18 C. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the proposed amendment, post the
19 approved amendment and the entire Home Rule Charter, as amended, on the County
20 website.

1 ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Clark County Charter Review Commission this 8th day of
2 December, 2021.

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4 ATTEST:

FOR CLARK COUNTY CHARTER
REVIEW COMMISSION:


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9 Kelsey Potter, Secretary
10 Clark County Charter Review Commission



11 Kim D. Harless, Co-Chair
12 Clark County Charter Review Commission

13 Approved as to form only
14 Anthony F. Golik
15 Prosecuting Attorney


16 Charles P. "Chuck" Green, Co-Chair
17 Clark County Charter Review Commission

18 By: 
19 Christine Cook
20 Senior Deputy Prosecutor

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Countywide At-Large Commissioners

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- Eric Holt
- Bridget McLeman

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- Kim Harless
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- John Latta
- Greg Anderson